

BAKERIES

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Mr. Wilmore, a native of Eureka, learned the baking business from his family, and established his business in Heber after serving in the Navy during World War I. He occupied the Jeffs Building for two years and then moved across the street from the Tabernacle.

In 1923 Teenie Duke bought the bakery from Mr. Wilmore and operated it until 1927 when she sold it to Walter Seiter, a 20-year-old immigrant from Germany, who had learned the trade in his native land. Mr. Seiter was called to serve a mission for the Church in 1930 in Germany and sold the bakery back to Mrs. Duke who operated it until he returned in 1932, and sold it back again to Mr. Seiter. He has expanded the business considerably since then and now operates it in a new building with modern equipment.

JESSE BOND



Jesse Bond (familiarily called Uncle Jesse), the son of James and Sarah (Card) Bond, was born at Huntingford, Gloucestershire, England, Feb. 27, 1832. He married Sarah Adams, daughter of Samuel and Bessie Adams, Sept. 24, 1861. Came to Heber City in the spring of 1859.

In 1844, he became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In Dec. 1854, he set sail for America on the Clara Wheeler ship. After six weeks voyage, they landed in New Orleans, later going to Mormon Grove. In July 1855, he,

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with others, started across the plains with ox teams, arriving in Salt Lake on Nov. 13, 1855. In 1857, he moved to Provo. Quoting his history, he says: "At the time of the trouble in Utah in 1857-8 when Johnston's army was on its way to Utah, I, along with many others, was called out to defend our homes, being stationed in and around Echo Canyon, Summit County. In the spring of 1859, I went up into Provo Valley (now Wasatch County) and planted wheat, remaining in the valley until the fall of 1859. In the spring of 1860, I made my home in Heber City. May 1861, I drove an ox team to the Missouri River and back to assist a company of saints across the plains, four of the saints being assigned to my wagon. One of the four afterwards became my wife. On Sept. 24, 1861, I married Sarah Adams, daughter of Samuel and Bessie Adams. I made six trips across the plains to Omaha to purchase merchandise for the people of Heber. During the early settlement of Heber, I passed through much Indian trouble, notably the Black Hawk War. Also the grasshopper trouble when they ate so much of our crops that it was hard to obtain a living."

Parents of nine children: William J., Mrs. Fred W. (Jane) Giles, Frank, Joseph T., Mrs. George A. (Dora) Wootton, Mrs. George E. (Minnie) Littlewood, Mrs. Thomas H. (Gertrude) Crook, Zina, Mrs. Wesley V. (Lacy) Duke.

Jesse died Dec. 17, 1916. Sarah died Dec. 1, 1908.

In 1874 myself and family cared for the "Old Hall," later known as the Second Ward meeting house, and did so until it was vacated and the meetings were held in the newly erected Stake House. Then we cared for that building until 1909, having had them continuously for 35 years. During this time, my wife baked the bread for the Sacrament for Sunday School and Sacrament meetings.


*Sarah Adams Bond
wife of Jessie Bond
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